

*Calendarium Pastoris :*  
OR, THE  
SHEPHERDS  
ALMANACK.

BEING  
A Diary, or Register for the  
Year 1677.  
Which is first after the Bissextile,  
or Leap-year.

Wherein you have the Eclipses  
Moon's Rising and Setting (her Southings) with  
a brief Description of the Quarters of the Year :  
the Seven Stars Rising, Setting, and Southings :  
with many other pretty things fitting such a  
Work.

Calculated for the Meridian of *Darby* ;  
where the Pole is elevated 53 deg and 6 min. and  
may very well serve for any part of *England*

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*Unius labor multorum Laborem allevat.*

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To the Shepherds and Plow-men  
of ENGLAND.

**B**elov'd Friends, my Country-men, and Neighbours,  
(Through your acceptance of my New-born-labours)  
I come again (drest in my Shepherds Weeds)

To serve you in your necessary needs.

What faults have hitherto escap'd the Press,  
(If either I or th' Printer did transgress)  
Pardon the same, and with mild censure look  
Into the Columns of this New-years-Book.  
Wherein I greet you with additions new ;  
(Such as the last year I did promise you)

The Rising and the Setting of the Moon,  
Besides her Southing, and her place at Noon.

Read further (those that admonition lack)

The Explanation of the Almanack.

But let not *Stomus* in his witless rage,

(Pretending Justice with the *Cynick* sage)

Afflict my labours with his Mustard breath !

For him I count the most unwise on Earth

That pries on all mens works (with *Argos* eyes)

To publish nought but their Infirmities.

Then let such Wolves for ever shun my Flock,

And not come neer so much as t'tear a lock.

For not to such *Goliaths* (but the meek,

And Lamb-like Mortals) do I friendship seek.

Ye *Shepherds*, *Plow-men*, Brethren of the Crook,

To you I dedicate this Starrie Book ;

To advertise you of *Urania's* light,

And how the watry Goddess of the night

Sails through the Constellations of the Sphere,

Conjoyning with the Planets here and there.

Read and accept what I have this year pen'd,

And so oblige me for your future friend.

From my house in Stanton Juxta  
Pontem, Darby-shire.

ARIES ♈.

**T**his Signe men count for Englands Horoscope :  
(Good reason there is for it too, I hope)  
And those that know but Geese from horned Kine,  
May soon perceiv's this is a Horned Signe.

TAURUS ♉.

A second horned Beast succeeds the first.  
Let men (of judgment) judge which is the worst.  
For there be some that fitly can compare  
How some men play the Bull, and some the Bear.

GEMINI ♊.

Gemini, Twins ; we may with reason prove  
Some Twins by Nature, others Twins by Love.

CANCER ♋.

All is not bad that's sower, nor good that's sweet in taste ;  
But what is good (though sower) is swallow'd down in haste.

LEO ♌.

Some fight for Honour, others to preserve it :  
Some have least Honour when they most deserve it.  
Some fight like Lions, others stand and pause,  
And dare not fight (without the Lions Claws : )  
But you that would like Heroes play your part,  
Chuse not the Lions tail, but th' Lions heart.

VIRGO ♍.

Virgo being sick, could not her sickness smother,  
But said that she was troubled with the Mother.  
Now in this Relative she was begun'd !  
For she that is a Mother hath a Child.

LIBRA ♎.

Libra (still) votes for what is just and true,  
While some will Justice speak, not Justice do.

### SCORPIO ♏.

Poor Scorpio is upbraided with his Ring,  
And men this Signe do into scandal bring :  
But noble Scorpio ! (to avenge that wrong)  
Disdains the venome of their stinging tongue.

Witness J.G.

### SAGITTARIUS ♐.

With Horse and Harness follows Sagittary ;  
(their hap is good that never do miscarry)  
But Sagittarians be ye wise and wary,  
Disasters them beset whose heads be airy.

### CAPRICORN ♑.

Now might I here dispute with Capricorn  
Why some whose Beards are long, remain unshorn ?  
But then I am informed by the Goat,  
Those Beasts that are not shorn, do cast the Coat.

### AQUARIUS ♒.

Our Legs are counted for the Butlers fees ;  
But what should he do with more Legs than Knees ?

### PISCES ♓.

Now am I fallen unto watry Pisces,  
And here (amongst the divers kinds of Fishes)  
The nature of the Eele I could commend ;  
But being fallen from head to foot, I end.

A Tide-Table.		Hour.	Min.
	Rocheſter, Maldon, Aberdeen.	0	55
	Graveſend, Rumney, Ramkins.	1	30
	London, Tinnmouth, Hartlepool.	3	00
	Frith, Leith, Dunbar, Narbon.	3	30
	Newcaſtle, Falmouth, Humber.	5	15
	Lyn, Antwerp, Plymouth, Hull.	6	00
	Briſtol, Lanion, Foulneſs.	6	45
	Miſford, Bridgewater, North Coaſt.	7	30
	Portland, Peterport, Hareſlew.	8	15
	Dover, Yarmouth, Harwich, Dublin.	10	30
	Calice, Rie, Wincheſſey, Caſſhot.	11	15



# Common Notes for the year 1677

According to the *English* and *Forreign* Account.

English	6	The Golden Number	6	Forreign
Account.	6	Cycle of the Sun	6	Account.
	Ⓖ	Dominical Letter	Ⓒ	
	6	Æpact	26	
	15	Roman Indiction	15	
	25	Number of Direction	21	
February	11	Septuagesima	14	February
February	28	Ash-Wednesday	3	March
March	4	Quadragesima	7	March
April	15	Easter-day	18	April
May	20	Rogation-Sunday	23	May
May	24	Holy-Thursiday	27	May
June	3	Whit-Sunday	6	June
June	10	Trinity-Sunday	13	June
December	2	Advent-Sunday	28	Novemb.

## Times forbidding Marriage.

From *Advent-sunday* in the last year, until the 13th of *January* in this year. Then at *Septuagesima*, *February* the 11th, it is forbidden, till *Low-sunday*, *April* the 22d. And at *Rogation-sunday*, *May* the 20th, it is gone out again, till *Trinity-sunday*, *June* the 10th, from whence it continueth till *Advent-sunday*, viz. the 2d. of *December*.

## Fairs kept at Darby.

1. The Fryday after <i>Epiphania</i> ,	Jan.	12
2. The Fryday in <i>Easter-week</i> ,	April	20
3. The Fryday after <i>May-day</i> ,	May	4
4. The Fryday in <i>Whitsun-week</i> ,	June	8
5. The Fryday before <i>Midsummer-day</i> ,	June	22
6. On <i>St. James's day</i> ,	July	25
7. The Fryday before <i>St. Michael</i> ,	Sept.	28

The beginning and ending of the Terms,  
(this present year) with their Returns. 1677.

*January Term* begins *Jan. 23*, and ends *February 12*,  
and hath 4 returns, viz.

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|---------------------------------------|----|---|---|
| 1. O <sup>ft</sup> abis Hillarii Jan. | 20 | 3. Crast. Purificat. Feb.               | 3 |
| 2. Quindena Hillarii Jan.             | 27 | 4. O <sup>ft</sup> abis Purificat. Feb. | 9 |

*May Term* begins *May 2*, and ends *May 28*,  
and hath 5 returns, viz.

- |                        |    |                           |    |
|------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Quind. Pasche April | 30 | 4. Quind. Pasche May      | 21 |
| 2. Tres Pasche May     | 7  | 5. Crast. Ascensionis May | 25 |
| 3. Mens. Pasche May    | 14 |                           |    |

*June Term* begins *June 18*, and ends *July 4*,  
and hath 4 returns, viz.

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|-----------------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| 1. Crast. Trin. June              | 11 | 3. Quind. Trin. June | 25 |
| 2. O <sup>ft</sup> ab. Trin. June | 18 | 4. Tres Tri. July    | 2  |

*Michaelmas Term* begins *Octob. 23*, and ends *Nov. 28*,  
and hath 6 returns, viz.

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|------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Tres Mich. October  | 20 | 4. Crast. Mart. Novem.               | 12 |
| 2. Mens. Mich. October | 27 | 5. O <sup>ft</sup> ab. Mart. Novemr. | 19 |
| 3. Crast. Anim. Novem. | 3  | 6. Quind. Mart. Novem.               | 26 |

He that in Law himself intends to slave,  
Great patience, and a full Purse he must have.  
With tedious matters he must intermeddle;  
(His Cause not good) he had better be idle!  
Or into th' Ale-house go his nose to warm,  
With Ale and Toast, I think will do no harm.

**T**He glorious Planet *Venus* (which is called by  
some the *Shepherd Star*) is our bright Morn-  
ing-Star from the beginning of the year, until the  
19th of *June*; and then passing her Conjunction with  
the Sun, is our bright Evening-Star to the years end.

How

*How to finde the Moon's Southing.*

ENTER the Almanack with the day of the month, and in the fifth Column you have the Moons Southing: and note, that A stands for Afternoon, and M for Morning.

And observe, that if you adde 3 hours to the Moons Southing, you have the time of High water at London, neer the truth.

*How to finde the hour of the night by the shadow of the Moon upon a Sun-Dyal.*

FIRST finde the Southing of the Moon, as you were taught before, then repair to a Sun Dyal, and observe the hour and minute the shadow of the Style wanteth, or is past the hour 12; then to so many hours and minutes as the shadow is past 12, adde the Southing of the Moon, and from so many hours and minutes as the shadow wants of 12, substract the Southing of the Moon, and the remainder is the hour of the night desired. And note, that if the Moon be south, her Southing (set down in the Almanack) is the hour of the night without addition or subtraction.

*To finde the Moons Rising and Setting.*

ENTER the Almanack with the day of the month (as you were taught before) and in the 6 Column you have the Moons Rising and Setting: And note, that A stands for Afternoon, and M for Morning. Example: Against the 2 of January (in the 6 Column) I find 2 hours 19 minutes M. which tells me that the Moon sets 19 minutes past 2 in the Morning.

*To finde the hour of the night by the Southing of the Stars.*

WHEN you see the 7 Stars upon the South point, look in the Almanack for the time of their Southing, and it is the time of the night. Likewise if you see the 7 Stars set in the West, look for their setting in the Almanack, and it is the hour of the night, as before.

# January hath XXXI days.

Full Moon the 8 day, at 11 in the night.  
 Last quarter the 16 day, at 1 after noon.  
 New Moon the 23 day, at 6 in the morning.  
 First quarter the 30 day, at 2 in the afternoon.

	Festivals.	Signes.	☾ four-thing.	Aspects and weather.
1	a New-years-d.	neck	6A.28	1M.30
2	b ——— — —	neck	7 11	2 19
3	c Day 7h. 52 m	neck	7 55	3 3
4	d ☾ with B. eye	arms	8 45	4 12
5	e ——— — —	arms	9 33	5 18
6	f Epiphania.	arms	10 13	6 25
7	g 1 p. Epiph.	breast	11 9	7 14
8	a Sun rises 7. 57	breast	12 4	
9	b and sets 4. 55	heart	0M. 4	5A. 8
10	c ☾ with Cor. S.	heart	0 45	6 10
11	d Days 8 h. 18 m.	bowels	1 32	7 19
12	e	bowels	2 14	8 20
13	f Hillarius.	bowels	3 6	9 50
14	g 2 p. Epiph.	reins	3 49	10 58
15	a ——— — —	reins	4 36	12 22
16	b	secrets	5 29	0M.22
17	c ——— — —	secrets	6 16	1 48
18	d ☾ with Cor. M.	thighs	7 9	2 55
19	e ——— — —	thighs	8 20	4 4
20	f	knees	9 15	5 18
21	g 3 p. Epiph.	knees	10 16	5 55
22	a	legs	11 11	6 30
23	b Tortu begins.	legs	12 26	New
24	c Days 8 h. 58 m	feet	1A.10	6A. 5
25	d Conv. S. Paul	feet	1 58	7. 26
26	e Sun rises 7. 27	head	2 56	8 lett. 53
27	f and sets 4. 34	head	3 30	9 55
28	g 4 p. Epiph.	head	4 16	11 14
29	a	neck	5 6	12 33
30	b St. Charles M.	neck	5 50	3M.33
31	c	arms	6 37	1 31

Indifferent good weather.  
 ☾ Apog.  
 Δ h 5  
 Some storms of snow or rain.  
 h Stat. ad Dir.  
 Good weather, the season consiaered.  
 ♂ ☉ ♀ Stormy  
 ♂ ♀ ♂ ♂  
 winds, causing  
 ♂ ☉ ♀ snow or  
 rain; with some  
 ☾ frost inter-  
 mixed.  
 ☾ Perig.  
 ♂ Stat. ad Dir.  
 ☐ h 5 Cold  
 winds, with some  
 snow or rain.  
 Δ ♂ ♀ Some im-  
 petuous  
 ☐ ☉ h  
 storms of snow &  
 rain, with  
 cloudy air.

The 3 day, at 2 in the morning, { 1/2 }  
 The 22 day, at 6 at night, { 3/4 } is with the Moon  
 The 6 day, at 9 in the morning, { 5/8 }  
 The 20 day, at 1 in the afternoon, { 3/2 }

1 Morning-star rises at 5 in the morning.  
 2 Seven Stars south 46 min. past 7 at night.  
 3 Seven Stars set 7 min. past 3 in the morning.  
 4

5  
 6 *If in this month the wind long South do blow,*  
 7 *By this the Country-maa be may foreknow*  
 8 *Pleasy of Corn and Grasse it doth forebode :*  
 9 *Credit the Rule, it's oft found very true.*  
 10 *But if the wind do long i'th' North abide,*  
 11 *Great store of frost it oft doth betide.*

12  
 13 Seven Stars set 30 min. past 2 in the morning.  
 14 Morning-star rises 29 min. past 5 in the morning.  
 15

16 *Note, That the Eclipses are inserted on the right hand-page of*  
 17 *that month in which they happen.*  
 18

19  
 20 *Likewise note, That the Unfortunate days are placed against*  
 21 *the day of the month on which they happen ( and noted*  
 22 *thus — — [—] — ) being taken out of the writings of ancient*  
 23 *Astronomers.*

24  
 25 Morning star riseth 39 min. past 5 in the morning.  
 26 Seven Stars set 34 min. past 1 in the morning.  
 27 Seven Stars south at 6 in the afternoon.  
 28  
 29  
 30  
 31

Full Moon the 7 day, at 5 in the afternoon.  
 Last quarter the 14 day, at 10 at night.  
 New Moon the 21 day, at 6 in the night.

	Festivals.	Signes.	Month.	Day.	Hour.	Aspect, and weather.
1	Δ ☾ ♀	arms	7	20	2	☾ ☽ Fleeing
2	☾	arms	8A	13	4	☾ ☽ 2 Snow on
3	☾ Sun rise 7. 12	breast	9	5	5	☾ ☽ 2 in, about this
4	☾ p. Epiph.	breast	9	5	5	☾ ☽ 2 Apog. time.
5	☾ ☽ sets at 4. 52	heart	10	28	23	☾ ☽ 2 ☽
6	☾ with Cor. ☽	heart	11	33	6N	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
7	☾ ☽ 20 6 ☽	heart	12	17	17	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
8	☾ ☽ 20 6 ☽	bowels	1	17	17	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
9	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	bowels	1	0	7	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
10	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	reins	1	46	8	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
11	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	reins	2	37	10	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
12	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	secrets	3	14	11	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
13	☾ ☽ 29 14 II	secrets	4	8	12	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
14	☾ Valentine	thighs	5	4	OM	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
15	☾ Sun rise 6 48	thighs	6	4	2	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
16	☾ and sets 5. 12	thighs	7	13	2	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
17	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	knees	8	5	4	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
18	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	knees	9	4	4	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
19	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	legs	10	2	5	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
20	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	legs	11	0	5	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
21	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	feet	11	49	32	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
22	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	feet	OA	37	6A	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
23	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	head	1	22	7	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
24	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	head	2	11	8	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
25	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	neck	3	10	10	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
26	☾ with 7 Star.	neck	3	32	11	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
27	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	neck	4	17	12	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38
28	☾ ☽ 10 48 ☽	arms	5	22	OM	☾ ☽ 2 ☽ 38

The 26 day, at 10 at night,  
 The 19 day, at 2 in the afternoon,  
 The 2 day, at 2 in the afternoon,  
 The 19 day, at 10 in the morning,

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is with the Moon.

Morning star riseth 43 min. past 5 in the morning.

Seven Stars set 5 min. past 1 in the morning.

Seven Stars south 35 min. past 5 afternoon.

*If in this month we have great store of Floods,*

*we shall have Hay for to maintain our Cows ;*

*But if it dry and frosty do appear,*

*it is to be feared Hay will be very dear.*

Days 10 hours 8 minutes long.

Morning-star riseth 35 min. past 5 in the morning:

Seven Stars set 14 min. past midnight.

Seven Stars south 50 min. past 4 afternoon.

*If in a Nativity Mercury be Conjunct with Saturn, or in*

*evil Aspect of him, and neither Jupiter nor any other good*

*Planet behold Mercury, it doth denote, That they then born,*

*shall starve, or have Impediment in their Tongues ; chiefly, if he*

*be found above the earth. Talmor.*

Days 11 hours 10 minutes long.

*upon the twentieth day*

*Go not to wooe, but let us stay ;*

*For Madam Venus is not free*

*then to bestow her love on thee.*

# March hath XXXI days.

First quarter the 1 day, 51 min. past 9 in the morning.  
 Full Moon the 9 day, at 7 in the morning.  
 Last quarter the 16 day, at 6 in the morning.  
 New Moon the 23 day, at 6 in the morning.  
 First quarter the 31 day, at 6 in the morning.

	Festivals.	Signes.	☾ fou thing.		Aspects, and weather.
1	d David B.	arms	6A. 9	1M. 59	♂ ☉ ♀ * ☉ ♄
2	e Chad B.	breast	6 57	2 56	☾ Apog.
3	f Days 1h. 30m.	breast	7 46	4 6	☾ Winds, and impe-
4	g Quadragesi.	breast	8 37	4 38	☾ tuous storms, at
5	a	heart	9 17	5 9	☾ the beginning of
6	b ☾ with Cor. ☉	heart	10 11	5 31	☾ the month.
7	c Lamber-week.	belly	11 c	5 57	☾ Moons setting.
8	d Sun rises 6. 4	belly	11 48	6 3	☾
9	e and sets 5. 55	reins	12 29	6 8A. 5	☾ Some storms about
10	f	reins	0M. 29	8A. 5	☾ this time
11	g 2 fund. in lent	reins	1 20	9 10	☾
12	a	secrets	2 14	10 41	☾ ☉
13	b Days 12h. 14m.	secrets	3 9	11 58	☾ ☉ Some rain
14	c ☾ with Cor. ☉	thighs	4 4	13 8	☾ ☉ Stat. ad direct.
15	d —   —   —	thighs	5 5	1M. 8	☾ Perig. about
16	e —   —   —	knees	6 11	1 56	☾ this time.
17	f	knees	7 4	2 40	☾ Good weather a-
18	g 3 fund. in lent	legs	8 0	3 4	☾ bout this time.
19	a —   —   —	legs	8 56	3 41	☾
20	b	feet	9 46	4 6	☾ ☉ ☉ Winds,
21	c Sun rises 5. 37	feet	10 40	4 26	☾ with some rain,
22	d and sets 6. 25	head	11 20	4 55	☾ about this time.
23	e Days 13h. long.	head	12 11	5 5	☾
24	f	head	0A. 56	8A. 6	☾
25	g Lady-day.	neck	1 43	9 24	☾
26	a ☾ with 7 stars	neck	2 31	10 3	* ☉ ☉ Snow or
27	b ☾ with Bu. eye	arms	3 9	11 46	☾ rain.
28	c Sun rises 7. 22	arms	4 10	12 51	☾
29	d and sets 6. 40	breast	5 0	0M. 51	☾ ☉ Elon. max a ☉
30	e	breast	5 51	1 5	☾ Some frost about
31	f	breast	6 38	2 45	* ☉ ☉ this time.



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The 26 day, at noon,  
The 19 day, at 6 in the morning,  
The 2 day, at noon,  
The 21 day, at 8 in the morning,

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is with the Moon.

Seven Stars set 14 min. past 11 at night.

If th' month of March do warm and dry appear,  
I am apt to think we'll have a plentiful year  
Of Rye and wheat : if th' Farmer will take pains,  
'Tis ten to one he has plenty of those Grains.

Now th' honest Farmer with his whole consent,  
Is taking care to pay his Landlords's rent :  
And when provisi'n's made, away goes he  
Till he have found him, or his Deputie.

He moves his Bonnet, and his Payse he draws,

Morning-star rises 13 min. past 5 in the morning.

And on the Table (in short time) he throws  
His Money, and begins to count a while ;  
O but behold ! how't makes the Landlord smile :  
For thou must know, Gold is of such a nature !  
It makes a man to forget his Creatour.

Pecuniæ obediunt omnia.

It's Money that doth make the Mare to go,  
'Tis Money that subdues most things below,  
It's Money that doth make the Potts Ryne,  
And makes some Turn-coats change with ev'ry time.  
'Tis Money that doth make the Merchant enter  
Upon the waves, and oft his life to venture :  
And Avarice is th' efficient cause that makes  
Us yearly writers set forth Almanacks.

April hath XXIIII days.

Full Moon the 7 day, at 7 in the afternoon.  
 Last quarter the 14 day, at noon.  
 New Moon the 21 day, at 8 in the afternoon.  
 First quarter the 29 day, at 11 in the night.

	Festivals.	Signes	Month	Day	Hour	Aspects and weather.
1	Sund. in lent	heart	7A.17	3M.21	* h ♀	
2	with Cor. L.	heart	8 27	3 55	Some showers o	
3	Sun rises 5.10.	bowels	9 0	4 12	rain about this	
4	and sets 6.50.	bowels	9 43	4 29	time.	
5		bowels	10 31	4 39		
6	with Spic. M.	reins	11 15	4 52	Stormy weather a	
7	--- --- ---	reins	12 8		bout this time.	
8		secrets	0M. 8	8A.31		
9	♂ h	secrets	1 4	9 52	Perig.	
10	with Scorp.	thighs	2 9	11 4	♂	
11	heart.	thighs	3 4	12 2		
12	Sun rises 4.52.	knees	4 10	0M. 2	Good and pleasant	
13	and sets 7.8.	knees	5 7	0 44	weather.	
14		eggs	6 6	1 28		
15		legs	7 0	1 51		
16	with Cauda	feet	7 53	2 19	So continuing as	
17	Cygni.	feet	8 38	2 38	before.	
18	h 26. 53 ♂	feet	9 26	2 51		
19	♂ 24. 3 ♀	head	10 7	3 17	* ♀ ♀	
20	--- --- ---	head	10 55	3 41		
21	--- --- ---	neck	11 45		* ♀ ♀ winds, and	
22	Low Sunday	neck	12 28	8A.25	♂ ♀. ♂ ♀	
23	St. George	arms	1A.18	9 36	♂ ♀ ♀ * h ♂	
24		arms	2 5	10 45	Storms of	
25	St. Mark	arms	3 9	11 43	Apog. rain,	
26	Sun rises 4 27	breast	3 50	12 43	snow, and hail,	
27	and sets 7.33	breast	4 37	0M.43	about this time.	
28		heart	5 23	1 28		
29	Milseyer Dom	heart	6 12	1 54		
30	with Cor. S.	heart	6 55	2 14		

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The 23 day, at 2 in the morning, { h }  
The 15 day, at 8 at night, { 4 }  
The 28 day, at 7 in the morning, { ♂ } is with the Moon.  
The 20 day, at 10 in the morning, { ♀ }

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3 Days 13 hours 40 minutes long.

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5 *If in the month of April be much rain,*

6 *'twill do much good unto all sorts of Grain:*

7 *But if this month of April chance t'be dry,*

8 *'Tis many times a signe of Scarcity.*

9 *Welcome (I say) you pleasant April-showers!*

10 *That so assist in helping May t'pring flowers.*

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12 Morning-star riseth 33 min. past 4 in the morning.

13 Seven Stars set 46 min. past 8 at night.

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15 Days 14 hours 26 minutes long.

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18 *When any of the three higher Planets and the Sun is in an*

19 *of the Angles, the Childe then born (being a boy) shall be*

20 *chief of his Brethren; or if there be any born before him, the*

21 *will die, and he will hold the chief rule in his Fathers house.*

22 *Taisner, probat. est.*

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Morning-star riseth 8 min. past 4 in the morning.

Seven Stars set 59 min. past 7 at night.

Days 15 hours 10 minutes long.

# May hath XXXI days.

Full Moon the 7 day, at 3 in the morning.  
 Last quarter the 13 day, at 7 after noon.  
 New Moon the 21 day, at 10 in the morning.  
 First quarter the 29 day, at 2 after noon.

	Festivals.	signes.	Month.	Aspects, and weather.
1	May-day.	bowels	7 A 40 2M.38	
2	Term begins.	bowels	8 28 2.53	
3	Δ h	reins	9 11 3 lett. 6	
4	wi. Spic. Vir	reins	10 0 3 18	
5	□ δ	secrets	10 50 3 33	winds and rain,
6	subfare.	secrets	11 44 3 45	□ ⊙ ♀. □ ♀ ♀
7	Δ with Antar.	thighs	12 40 11 11	♂ ⊙ ♀ with
8	Sun rises 4. 8	thighs	0M.40 10A. 9	♂ h ♀ clouds
9	and sets 7.5	knees	1 56 10 50	♂ Perig.
10	Ω 5. 2 ♀	knees	2 57 11 32	♂ ⊙ h air in
11	h 29. 51 ♂	legs	3 57 12 5	* ♂ ♀ ternix.
12	♀ 25. 28 ∞	legs	4 54 0M. 5	ea.
13	Cantate.	legs	5 45 0 24	
14	Δ w. Cav. Cyg	feet	6 38 0 45	
15	b	feet	7 22 1 3	Indifferent good
16	Sun rises 3.58	head	8 10 1 29	□ ♀ ♀ weather
17	and sets 8.2	head	8 53 1 45	
18	e	neck	9 38 2 9	
19	Δ with 7 star.	neck	10 25 2 32	
20	Rogation sun.	neck	11 2 3 2	♂ h ♀ winds
21	g	arms	12 4 11 11	Δ h ♀ and rain
22	Sun rises 3.51	arms	0A.49 9A.42	about this time.
23	and sets 8. 9	breast	1 40 10 36	
24	Holy Thursday	breast	2 28 11 21	♂ Apog.
25	* ♀	breast	3 18 11 50	
26	♀ 8. 27 II	heart	4 3 12 20	* ♂ ⊙ Some im-
27	Exaudi.	heart	4 58 0M.20	petuous storms a-
28	Term ends.	belly	5 22 0 40	bout this time.
29	♀ 10 0 ∞	belly	6 19 0 54	
30	e	reins	7 0 1 10	
31	Δ w. Spic. Vir	reins	7 47 1 19	

May 1677.

The 20 day, at 4 in the afternoon, *Saturn*  
The 13 day, at 6 in the morning, *Jupiter* } is with the  
The 16 day, at 5 in the morning, *Mars* } Moon.  
The 20 day, at 4 afternoon, *Venus*

days 15 hours 30 minutes long.

If that the air of a grey colour be,  
And season dry, and th'wind stand North, you'll see  
Great profit to the Farmer may abound,  
From Tilling of the hungry barren ground:  
If in this Moneth great Floods there chance to be,  
It will produce the Shepherds misery.

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days 16 hours 2 minutes long.

The Lord of the Ascendent in the Twelfth House, in  
evil Aspect with the unfortunate Planets; the Child  
then born will be imprisoned. *Probat. est.*

The seventh day of this Moneth (25 minutes past  
3 in morning) the Moon will be Eclipsed; and if the  
air be clear, we may behold the Eclipse.  
If thou be blind! I needs must tell to thee,  
That blind men rarely do Eclipses see.

days 16 hours 28 minutes long.

The one and twentieth day at ten forenoon, }  
The King of Stars Eclipsed by the Moon: } 10 h.  
I mean bright *Phobus*, whose resplendent light! } 34m.  
With yearly motion causeth day and night.

June hath xxx days.

Full Moon the 5 day at 11 before noon.

Last Quarter the 12 day at 3 in the morning.

New Moon the 20 day at 1 in the morning.

First Quarter the 28 day at 1 in the morning.

1	e	Sun rise 3. 42.	reins	8	38	IM34	I Moons set.	Good weather, the season considered.
2	f	sets 8. 18.	secrets	9	25	1 48		
3			secrets	10	18	2 1		
4	a		thighs	11	21	2 28		
5	b	h 3. 5 II.	thighs	12	26	Ful●	I Moons rising.	☾ ♀ Perigæon. * ♂ ♀ Good and pleasant
6	c	Ember week.	knees	0M26	9A16			
7	d		knees	1	40	9 55		
8	e	h 27. 21 ☾.	legs	2	43	10 24		
9	f	♂ 23. 28 ☉.	legs	3	44	10 44	I Moons rising.	☾ ☉ weather perhaps Thun. ☾ ☉ inter-mixed. ☾ Elongar. max. ☉. Thunder and storms of ☾ ☉ rain about this time ☾ ☉.
10			legs	4	23	11 5		
11	a		feet	5	14	11 27		
12	b	Sun rises 3. 41.	feet	6	3	11 50		
13	c	sets 8. 19.	head	6	49	12 4	I Moons rising.	☾ ☉ some ☾ Apogæon. winds about this time. ☾ Star. ad Retr.
14	d		head	7	35	0M4		
15	e		neck	8	21	0 33		
16	f	♀ 4. 12 ☾.	neck	9	4	1 1		
17		1 past Trin.	neck	9	55	1 38	I Moons rising.	Indifferent good weather, the season considered. Thunder and ☐ h ♂ rain.
18	a	♀ 0. 10 ☉.	arms	10	42	2 18		
19	b	Sun rises 3. 42.	arms	11	34	3 7		
20	c	sets 8. 18.	breft	12	22	new D		
21	d		breft	1A8	9A54		I Moons rising.	
22	e		breft	1	58	10 24		
23	f	D with cor Leo	heart	2	42	10 45		
24			heart	3	44	11 1		
25	a	Sun rises 3. 45.	belly	4	7	11 15	I Moons rising.	
26	b	sets 8. 15.	belly	4	51	12 28		
27	c	☐ D h.	reins	5	35	11 43		
28	d	☾ with Vir. Sp.	reins	6	19	11 50		
29	e		secrets	7	8	12 5	I Moons rising.	
30	f	☐ D h.	secrets	8	0	0M5		

June 1677.

The 17 day at 4 in the morning, *Saturn*  
 The 9 day at 4 in the afternoon, *Jupiter*  
 The 24 day at 1 afternoon, *Mars*  
 The 19 day at midnight, *Venus*

} is with the Moon.

Days 16 hours 36 minutes long.

אדר יך ארור יטכדיך יתכניך דטא

If now a moderate rainy time you see,  
 And th'good wife use her best industry  
 Amongst her Cows (likewise, she must be wary)  
 And that's the way for to have a good Dairy.  
 But if she say, she store of Cows doth want,  
 They that have nothing, can make nothing on't.

England be thankful to a gracious God,  
 In time of need he did plenty afford!

Days 16 hours 38 minutes long.

If any thing do cause thy misery!

Be sure thy sins th'efficient cause will be.

He will be a good Physician, in whose Nativity, *Mars*  
 and *Venus* are corporally, or by any good *Aspect*, *Con-*  
*junction*. Even so, if *Mercury* and *Venus* be joyned, or  
 in *Conjunction*. Also he will be a perfect Physician,  
 that hath *Mars* and *Venus* corporally joyned in the sixth  
 House. *Jatromath. Probat. est.*

Days 16 hours 28 minutes long.

*Saturn* is now in *Gemini*, which bodes no good to  
 London.

*Astra inclinant, sed non necessitant.*

July hath xxxi days.

Full Moon the 4 day at 6 in the afternoon.

Last Quarter the 11 day at 3 in the afternoon.

New Moon the 19 day at 4 in the afternoon.

First Quarter the 27 day at 10 in the morning.

1	a	3 past Trin.	thighs	9	A	3	0	M	18	sec	☽☽	Some
2	b	Dw. caput Her.	thighs	10	0	0	5	5			☽☽	thunder and
3	c	☽☽☽	knees	11	1	1	3	9			☽☽	Perigæon.
4	d	☽☽☽	knees	12	1	1	Ful	●			☽☽	rain about this
5	e	Dw. Umb. Peg.	legs	0	M	13	8	A	18			time.
6	f	☽☽☽	legs	1	1	8	4	3				
7	g	☽☽☽	feet	2	2	6	9	5			☽☽☽	Gentle
8	h	4 past Trin.	feet	3	3	9	2	7			☽☽☽	winds with
9	i	☽☽☽	head	3	5	9	4	7			☽☽☽	some showers
10	j	*☽☽☽	head	4	4	10	4				☽☽☽	about this time.
11	k	☽☽☽	head	5	2	10	2	9				
12	l	☽☽☽	neck	6	1	11	5					
13	m	D with 7 Stars.	neck	6	5	11	3	3			*☽☽☽	Some
14	n	D w. Bulls eye.	arms	7	4	12	7				☽☽☽	showers,
15	o	5 past Trin.	arms	8	3	4	0	M	7		☽☽☽	Swiſthen.
16	p	h 7. 34 II.	arms	9	2	1	3				☽☽☽	but scarcely
17	q	☽☽☽ 24. 43 III.	breſt	10	1	5	1	5	8		☽☽☽	Apeæon.
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19	s	☽☽☽	heart	11	5	0	new	☽			☽☽☽	Thunde: (about
20	t	Dw. Lions head.	heart	12	3	6	8	A	49		*☽☽☽	this
21	u	☽☽☽	heart	1	A	19	9				☽☽☽	time) in some
22	v	4 past Trin.	belly	2	2	9	1	9			☽☽☽	places.
23	w	☽☽☽	belly	2	5	1	9	3	7			
24	x	☽☽☽	reins	3	3	5	9	4	7		☽☽☽	Great heat
25	y	☽☽☽	reins	4	1	6	9	5	8		☽☽☽	about this
26	z	☽☽☽ 13. 15 III.	ſecrets	5	5	10	1	6			☽☽☽	time.
27	a	☽☽☽ 25. 34 III.	ſecrets	5	5	6	10	3	2			
28	b	☽☽☽ 23. 15 III.	ſecrets	6	5	0	10	5	9		☽☽☽	Good weather
29	c	9 past Trin.	thighs	7	4	9	11	3	0		☽☽☽	the ſea-
30	d	☽☽☽ 0. 4 I.	thighs	8	4	6	12	1	6		☽☽☽	ſon conſidered.
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July 1677.

The 14 day at 4 in the afternoon, *Saturn* }  
The 6 day at midnight, *Jupiter* } is with  
The 27 day at 6 in the morning, *Mars* } Moon.  
The 20 day at 11 before noon, *Venus* }

1  
2 Sun rise at 3 hours 51 minutes, and sets at 8 h. 9 m.  
3 Days 16 hours 16 minutes long.

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5 If th'wind blow North or East the time is fit  
6 To cut down Grass, that you good Hay may get;  
7 But if to th'South or West, it chance to wheel,  
8 And th'Air wax hot, a Thunder storm you'll feel.  
9 Therefore (say I) if you expect good Hay,  
10 Cast, Shake, Cock Rake, when 'tis a Sun shine day;  
11 And when 'tis made, then do not mind your play  
12 At Pipes and Wakes; but fetch the Hay away.  
13 Though Fidlers cry (Sir) will you hear a Lesson,  
14 Remember what advice you have from *Weston*.

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16  
17 Sun rise at 4 hours 10 minutes, and sets at 7 h. 50 m.  
18 Days 15 hours 38 minutes long.

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22 Labor in Summer, take pains with the Ant,  
23 Else in the Winter, live cold, and in want.

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25 For he that in youth refuseth to labor,  
26 In age may go beg with a Pipe and a Tabor.  
27 Days 15 hours 10 minutes long.

28 Sun rise at 4 h. 27 m. and sets at 7 h. 33 m.  
29 *ut Acetum Dentibus, & velut fumus oculis, ita est piger*  
30 *mittentibus ipsum, Prov. 10. 26.*

# August birth next days.

Full Moon the 3 day at 1 in the morning.  
 Last Quarter the 10 day at 3 in the morning.  
 New Moon the 18 day at 7 in the morning.  
 First Quarter the 25 day at 6 afternoon.

1	c	Lammas.	knees	10A5	1M37																											
2	d	h 8. 56 II	legs	11 48	2 55																											
3	c	□)h	legs	12 51	Ful	●																										
4	f	4 11. 28 m	feet	0M; 17A27																												
5		3 past Trin.	feet	1 46	7 51																											
6	a	3 38. 58 m	head	2 37	8 10																											
7	b	Δ ⊙ D	head	3 31	8 33																											
8	c	2 9. 27 m	neck	4 10	9 1																											
9	d	D with 7 Stars	neck	4 53	9 29																											
10	e	D w. Bulls eye.	arms	5 46	10 8																											
11	f	2 19. 16 m	arms	6 33	0 52																											
12		9 past Trin.	arms	7 21	11 41																											
13	a	* D 2	breast	8 10	12 51																											
14	b	2 29. 57 m	breast	9 0	cM 1																											
15	c	* D h	heart	9 49	1 44																											
16	d		heart	10 34	2 51																											
17	e	D with cor Leo.	heart	11 20	4 2																											
18	f		bowels	11 57	new D																											
19		10 past Trin.	bowels	12 51	7A52																											
20	a		reins	1A36	8 4																											
21	b	Δ)4	reins	2 28	8 14																											
22	c	Timothy, &c.	reins	3 10	8 27																											
23	d	Zaccheus.	secrets	4 08	8 44																											
24	e	3. Barnabas	secrets	4 53	9 0																											
25	f	2 D h	thighs	5 44	9 37																											
26		11 past Trin.	thighs	6 46	10 19																											
27	a	2 2 days end	knees	7 43	11 14																											
28	b	Δ D 2	knees	8 47	12 20																											
29	c	Δ D 3	legs	9 42	M16																											
30	d	Felix.	legs	10 41	2 3																											
31	e	□)h	feet	11 34	4 45																											

1	Winds and	Moons rising.
2	storms	
3	* h 2 of rain	
4	with some	
5	Thunder inter-	
6	□ h 3 mixed	
7	about these	
8	28 days.	
9	24 Great	
10	Apogon.	
11	winds about	
12	this time.	
13	Good weather,	
14	the season	
15	considered.	
16	2 2 2 Winds,	
17	Δ h 2 storms	
18	□ 2 h with	
19	□ h 2 cloudy	
20	air intermixed.	
21	2 2	
22	Perigon.	
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24	Good and plea-	
25	sant weather,	
26	ends the	
27	Month.	
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Moons setting.

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 with some  
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 ends the  
 Month.

The 11 day at 4 in the morning, *Saturn* }  
 The 3 day at 3 in the morning, *Jupiter* } is with the  
 The 20 day at 10 at night, *Mars* } Moon.  
 The 19 day at 6 afternoon, *Venus*

1  
 2 Days 14 hours 48 minutes long.  
 3 Sun rises 38 minutes past 4, and sets 22 minutes after 7.  
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5  
 6 This Moneth be sure that thou industrious be,  
 7 Or else thy Corn within the Field may stay.  
 8 If in the Alehouse thou dost stay till night,  
 9 (If rain) thy Corn will be but in ill plight:  
 10 Therefore remember when 'tis a fair day;  
 11 That in the Alehouse long thou do'st nor stay.  
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13  
 14 Days 14 hours 4 minutes long.  
 15 Sun rises at 5 hours 0 minutes, and sets at 7 h. 0 m.  
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17 An evil Planet in Cancer doth threaten short life, and  
 18 continuall sickness, to the Mother of the Child then born.  
 19 *Hermes.*

20 *Non est medico semper relevatur ut aeger:*  
 21 *Interdum doctus plus valet arte malum.*

22 The Doctor cannot always cure the ill,  
 23 The sickness sometimes is beyond his skill.  
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25 Days 13 hours 16 minutes long.  
 26 Sun rises 22 m. after 5, and sets 38 m. past 6.  
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28 *Cogere donec oves stabulis numerumque referre*  
 29 *fussit, & invito processit vesper Olympo.*  
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# September hath xxx days.

Full Moon the 1 day 25 minutes after noon.

Last Quarter the 8 day at 9 in the night.

New Moon the 16 day at 10 in the night.

First Quarter the 23 day at midnight.

Full Moon the 30 day 44 minutes past 8 at night.

1	f	feet	12 26	Ful ☉	—	Some showers
2		head	0 M 27	6 A 23		Δ h ♀ of rain
3	a ♂ D ♂	head	1 25	6 47		about this time.
4	b	neck	2 9	7 13		
5	c	neck	2 56	7 43		Δ 4 ♂ Winds
6	d D with 7 Stars.	neck	3 44	8 14		☿ about
7	e	arms	4 34	9 1		this time, with
8	f	arms	5 22	9 49		Δ h ♀ rain,
9		breast	6 15	10 51		Δ 4 ♀ good
10	13 past Trin.	breast	7 3	11 47		D Apog. weath
11	b	breast	7 58	12 57		Winds and
12	c ♂ D ♀	heart	8 38	0 M 57		Δ 4 ♀
13	d w. Lions h.	heart	9 26	2 1		♂ ♂ ♀
14	e Exalt. Crucis.	bowels	10 13	3 8		storms about
15	f	and	10 50	4 22		this time.
16	14 past Trin.	belly	11 41	new D	—	
17	a D w. V. Spike.	reins	12 26	6 A 30		
18	b	reins	1 A 11	6 45		
19	c Ember week.	secrets	2 4	6 59		♂ ♂ ♀ Winds
20	d	secrets	2 49	7 17		☿ with
21	e	thighs	3 52	7 41		Δ h ☉
22	f	thighs	4 48	8 29		storms of hail
23	15 past Trin.	knees	5 46	9 14		☾ Perigæon.
24	a Δ D h	knees	6 37	10 25		or rain, and
25	b	legs	7 37	11 47		cloudy air
26	c	legs	8 39	13 8		intermixed.
27	d Δ D ♂	feet	9 36	1 M 8		Good weather
28	e	feet	10 24	2 47		Δ 4 ☉
29	f	feet	11 12	4 14		ends the Month.
30		head	12 4	Ful ☉	—	

September 1677.

The 7 day at 1 afternoon, *Saturn*  
 The 26 day at 2 afternoon, *Jupiter*  
 The 18 day at 4 afternoon, *Mars*  
 The 18 day at 10 in the night, *Venus*

} is with the  
 } Moon.

1 Days 12 hours 50 minutes long.

2 Sun rises 37 m. after 5, and sets 13 m. past 6.

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5 If th'time be dry, it is most fit to gather  
 6 Your Fruits this Month, (if that it be fair weather.)  
 7 For if you gather them when th'times not dry,  
 8 'Tis th'only way to make them putrifie.

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11 Seven Stars South 34 m. past 3 morning.

12 Seven Stars rise 14 m. past 7 afternoon.

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15 Sun rises 4 m. after 6, and sets 56 m. past 5.

16 Days 11 hours 40 minutes long.

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18 An evil Planet in *Leo*, doth betoken short life to the  
 19 Father of that Child born. *Tayfiner*.

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21 O now draws near the Land-lords joyful day,  
 22 But th'forrowful to th'Tenant that should pay,  
 23 Which I'd leave out, was it not that some Quacks!  
 24 Would find the day in other Almanacks.

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26 Who so would court a Maiden fair,  
 27 The thirteenth day, let him repair.  
 28 And take her while her heart is hot,  
 29 Lest (through neglect) he gain her not.

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Last Quarter the 8 day at 5 in the afternoon.  
 New Moon the 16 day at 11 before noon.  
 First Quarter the 23 day at 6 in the morning.  
 Full Moon the 30 day at 12 before noon.

1	a	♂ ♂	head	0 M 4 5 A 2 3	Moons rising.	☐ ♀	Stat. ad Dir. Winds and ☐ ♀ flying showers of rain ▷ Apogzon. about thistime.
2	b	♂ ♀	neck	0 53 5 4			
3	c	▷ with 7 Stars.	neck	1 44 6 9			
4	d	▷ w. Bulls eye.	arms	2 35 7 4			
5	e		arms	3 20 7 42			
6	f	Δ Δ ♂	arms	4 10 8 50			
7	g	17 past Trin.	breſt	5 0 9 56			
8	a	Δ Δ ♀	breſt	5 51 10 52			
9	b	* ▷ h	heart	6 37 11 54			
10	c	▷ w. Lions h.	heart	7 22 13 1			
11	d	h 9 35 II	heart	8 11 1 M 1	Moons setting.	Good weather fitting the season.	
12	e	℥ 17. 40 ~	bowels	9 4 2 7			
13	f	♂ 14 36 m	& bel.	9 40 3 25			
14	g	18 past Trin.	reins	10 23 4 32			
15	a	▷ w. Virg. ſpike	reins	11 11 5 48			
16	b		ſecrets	12 0 new D			
17	c		ſecrets	0 A 5 11 5 A 17			
18	d	S. Luke.	thighs	1 45 5 46			
19	e	℥ Sou 7. 3 aft.	thighs	2 46 5 23			
20	f	℥ ſets 11. 40 p.	knees	3 48 7 7			
21	g	19 past Trin.	knees	4 43 3 19			
22	a		knees	5 41 9 30	Moons ſetting	Δ ♀ ♂ Storms ▷ of hail ♂ h ♀ or rain, with bluffer- ing winds ♂ ♂ ♀ inter- mixed.	
23	b	Feraſ begins.	legs	6 38 10 53			
24	c		legs	7 31 12 22			
25	d	Δ ○ Δ	feet	8 25 0 M 22			
26	e	B. eye fo 1. 33 in	feet	9 12 1 59			
27	f		head	10 0 3 23			
28	g		head	10 48 4 43			
29	a		neck	11 34 6 c			
30	b	▷ with 7 Stars.	neck	12 30 Ful. ☉			
31	c	▷ w. Bulls eye.	reins	0 M 5 5 A 0		☐ ♀ Wind * ♀ and ♂ ○ ♀ storms, with good wea- th r intermixed ☐ ○ ♀	

October 1677.

The 4 day at 10 in the night, *Saturn* }  
 The 23 day at 10 in the night, *Jupiter* } is with the  
 The 17 day at 11 before noon, *Mars* } Moon.  
 The 18 day at 10 in the night, *Venus* }

- 1 Days 10 hours 44 minutes long.
- 2 Sun rises 38 minutes after 6, and sets 22 m. past 5.
- 3
- 4
- 5 Sow Wheat and Rye, the sooner 'tis the better,
- 6 If you neglect, 't may chance to be foul weather :
- 7 For if you sow your Corn, when th' grounds too wet !
- 8 Tis to be fear'd, you'll little profit get.
- 9
- 10 Evening Star sets 12 m. past 6 afternoon.
- 11 Seven Stars sets 11 m. past 9 morning.
- 12 Seven Stars South 40 m. past 4 morning.
- 13
- 14 Sun rises 4 m. after 7, and sets 56 past 4.
- 15
- 16 Days 9 hours 44 minutes.
- 17
- 18 The thirtieth day (t'eleven before noon) } h. m.
- 19 The shady Earth it will eclipse the Moon. }  
 20 If thou hadst *Argos* eyes (I'll tell to thee) } 10, 49.  
 21 I'm apt to think th' defect thou canst not see. }
- 22
- 23 Evening Star sets 8 m. past 6 afternoon.
- 24 Seven Stars sets 18 m. past 8 morning.
- 25 Seven Stars South 30 m. past midnight.
- 26
- 27
- 28 Days 8 hours 58 minutes.
- 29 Sun rises 33 m. aft. 7, and sets 27 m. past 4.
- 30
- 31

Last Quarter the 7 day at 1 afternoon.  
 New Moon the 14 day at midnight.  
 First Quarter the 21 day at 4 in the afternoon.  
 Full Moon the 29 day at 4 in the morning.

1	D	11.5.30	arms	1	M	19	5	46	
2	c	All Souls.	arms	2	7	6A	22		Some snow
3	f		breft	2	49	7	30		or rain
4		21 past Trin.	breft	3	43	3	31		☽ Apogæon.
5	a		heart	4	30	9	34		(perhaps) with
6	b		heart	5	16	10	38		hoft inter-
7	c	D with cor Leo.	heart	6	2	14	7		mixed.
8	d	S. rise 7 h. 49 m.	bowels	6	36	12	57		
9	e	10.4 h. 11 m.	& bel.	7	29	M	57		
10	f		reins	8	1		0		
11	g	12 past Trin.	reins	8	57	3	14		
12	a	h 7. 21 II	reins	9	37	4	34		
13	b	12.10 16	secrets	10	32	5	42		☽ h ♂
14	c	♂ 4 35 2	secrets	11	26	new	D		☉ Eclipsed.
15	d	♀ 11. 9 10	thighs	12	30	4	A 19		Some storms
16	e	Sun rise 8 h. 1 m.	thighs	1A	14		57		of snow with
17	f	sets 3 h. 59 m.	knees	2	31	5	57		cloudy air
18	g	23 past Trin.	knees	3	35	7	33		☽ h ☉ inter-
19	a		legs	4	29	8	44		mixed.
20	b	Δ D h 19	legs	5	24	10	11		☽ Perigæon.
21	c	☉ ☽	feet	6	1	11	38		☉ ☽
22	d		feet	7	4	1	16		great winds
23	e	Clement P. M.	head	7	51	OM	16		about this time.
24	f		head	8	40	2	21		
25	g	24 past Trin.	neck	9	21	3	42		
26	a	D with 7 Stars	neck	10	11	5	8		☽ ☽ Some
27	b		neck	11	1	6	17		storms at the
28	c	Tormento	arms	11	52	7	12		end.
29	d		arms	12	43	Fal	1		
30	e	5. Andent	breft	OM	43	5	A 13		

Moon rising.

Moon setting.

Drill



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The 28 day at 5 in the morning, *Saturn* }  
 The 20 day at 6 in the mornings, *Jupiter* } is with the  
 The 15 day at 6 in the morning, *Mars* } Moon.  
 The 17 day at 6 afternoon, *Venus*

- 1
- 2 Seven Stars set 41 m. past 7 morning.
- 3 Evening Star sets 19 m. past 6 afternoon.
- 4 Seven Stars South at midnight.
- 5
- 6 November rainy, warm, and misty ;
- 7 Th' Winter l'prove snowy, cold, and frosty.
- 8 November snowy, cold, and frosty,
- 9 Th' Winter l'prove rainy, warm, and misty.
- 10
- 11
- 12 Seven Stars sets 54 m. past 6 morning.
- 13 Evening sets 38 past 6 afternoon.
- 14 Seven Stars South 26 m. past 11 afternoon.
- 15
- 16
- 17 The fourteenth day (little before midnight) }
- 18 The Sun will be Eclipsed (from our sight) } h. m.
- 19 And for the effects, deduced from the Stars, } 11. 5.
- 20 I'll leave to th' Pens of wise Astrologers.
- 21 Days 7 hours 44 m. nites.
- 22 Sun rises 9 m. past 8, and sets 51 m. past 3.
- 23
- 24 Seven Stars sets 10 m. past 6 morning.
- 25 Evening Star sets at 7 in the afternoon.
- 26 Seven Stars South at 25 m. past 11 after.
- 27 *Pastorem memorat vatam veneranda vetustas,*
- 28 *Impositum studiis sustenuisse polum,*
- 29 *Nempe quad astrorum motus, Solisque labores*
- 30 *Et Lunæ instabiles noverat ille vias,*
- 31 *Quas si quis numeras numero contendit eodem*  
*Visere, quot stellis axis uterque rotat.*

December hath xxxi dayes

Last Quarter the 7 day at 9 in the morning.  
 New Moon the 14 day at 10 in the morning.  
 First Quarter the 21 day at 2 in the morning.  
 Full Moon the 28 day at 11 in the night.

1	f		breſt	1	M	32	6	A	18	♂ hꝛ. ♂♂
2	a	Advent Sun	breſt	2	18	7	16			Storms of ſnow
3	a		heart	3	4	8	28			▷ Apog. con.
4	b	D w.cor Leonis.	heart	3	5	29	20			* ♃ & wind
5	c	□ D h 4. p.m.	bowels	4	30	10	40			Δ h ♀ with
6	d	h 5. 24 II	and	5	16	11	45			* ♃ some
7	e	♄ 24	belly	5	55	12	51			froſt intermixt.
8	f		reins	6	39	0	M	5	1	Moons riſing.
9	a	Sund in Adv.	reins	7	16	1	56			
10	a		ſecrets	8	7	3	10			
11	b	♂ 27. 41 ♀.	ſecrets	8	56	4	14			Froſt about this time.
12	c		thighs	9	55	5	42			▷ ♃.
13	d	S. Lucy Virg.	thighs	10	52	6	45			Winds ceaſing.
14	e		knees	12	2	new	D			* ♃ ♀ ſnow or rain.
15	f		knees	1	A.	3	4	A	44	—
16	a	Sund in Adv.	legs	2	3	6	3			
17	a		legs	3	0	7	32			
18	b		feet	4	0	9	5			▷ Perigæon.
19	c	Ember week.	feet	4	46	10	30			Winds and ſnow, about
20	d		head	5	34	11	45			♂♂ ♀ this time.
21	e	S. Thomas.	and	6	20	13	11			Moons ſetting.
22	f		face	7	9	I	M	11		
23	a	Sund in Adv.	neck	7	55	2	30			
24	a		neck	8	45	3	52			Temperate
25	b	Chriſtmas day.	arms	9	34	5	1			♂ ♃ weather,
26	c	S. Steven.	arms	10	25	6	20			▷ ♃ but in- clining to froſt.
27	d	S. John.	breſt	11	9	7	24			♂♂ ♀ Winds and ſleet.
28	e	innocent.	and	12	0	Ful	☉			□ h ♀ rain ends the Moneth.
29	f		ſtom.	0	M	0	4	A	56	—
30	a		heart	0	48	6	2			
31	a		heart	1	36	7	4			

The 25 day at 8 in the morning, *Saturn*  
 The 17 day at midnight, *Jupiter*  
 The 14 day at 4 in the morning, *Mars*  
 The 17 day at Noon, *Venus*

} is with the Moon.

- 1 Seven Stars rise 41 m. past 1 afternoon.
- 2 Seven Stars South 8 m. past 10 afternoon.
- 3 Seven Stars set 31 m. past 5 morning.
- 4 Evening Star sets 14 m. past 7 afternoon.
- 5
- 6 The time is good this Moneth (if that you please)
- 7 T'fell Timber or uncover th'Roots of Trees,
- 8 If thou intendest profic for to see!
- 9 The only way is t'use good Husbandry.
- 10 Now let th'warm fire, be thy only bathe!
- 11 (Kitchen all th'Pothecaries shop, thou'lt have 3)
- 12 And let warm meat thy only diet be!
- 13 And help thy Neigbor in necessity.
- 14
- 15 Seven Stars set 35 m. past 4 morning.
- 16 Evening Star sets 43 m. past 7 afternoon.
- 17 Seven Stars South at 9 hours afternoon.
- 18
- 19 And now this famous year draws to an end,
- 20 Happy is he that doth his life amend;
- 21 For as this World is never in a station,
- 22 Even so, Mans life is subject to mutation.
- 23 For even as the World, it round doth run,
- 24 Even so Mans life doth end where it begun,
- 25 I mean in th'Grave; to day of strength he's full,
- 26 And in short time's transform'd into a skull.
- 27
- 28 Seven Stars set 36 m. past 3 morning.
- 29 Evening Star sets 5 m. past 8 afternoon.
- 30 Seven Stars South at 8 in the afternoon.
- 31

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## *The Explanation of the Almanack:*

**I**N the first Column on the left hand Page, you have the days of the Moneth.

In the second, you have the Weeks days, & being Dominical Letter.

In the third, you have the Festivals, Planets places, and when the Moon will be with fixed Stars, whereby they may be known by observing when the Moon is with them.

In the fourth, you have the Moons signs.

In the fifth, you have the Moons Southing every day in the year.

In the sixth, you have the Moons Rising and Setting, with Latitude.

In the seventh, you have the Planets, Aspects, and Weather; sometimes happening true, at other times false, as in other Almanacks.

In the first Column (on your right Page) you have the days of the Moneth.

In the second, you have the Rising, Setting, and Southing of the Planets, and fixed Stars; whereby may be known the hour of the night, when the Stars are seen. Likewise the length of Days, Suns Rising and Setting; and when the Moon will be with the Planets, whereby they may be known to Shepherds, or others, (that will take the pains) to observe when the Moon is with them.

## *The Characters of the Seven Planets.*

♄ ♃ ♂ ☉ ♀ ♁  
Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sol, Venus, Mercury,

♂ ♀  
Luna, Dragons Head, Dragons Tail.

On

*On the Seven Planets, and their Significations.*

*Saturn ♄.*

**C**O'd natur'd *Chronos*, pond'rous moving Light,  
Sly *Falcifer*, Dark-Lanthorn of the night,  
Rules o'er deep Vaults, and darksome Dens below,  
Where noysome Herbs (with strangling scents) do  
(grow.

Patron of Tillage, greater Beasts, and Cattle,  
Hard labors, drudgers, Lord of Land and Battle;  
Author of Dearth, and Famine, long Diseases,  
Such things as these this sullen Planet pleases.

*Jupiter ♃.*

Sweet tempered *Jove*! the Eye of modest light,  
Resplendent in the *Horizon* of night!  
Soft pacing Steed through Heavens Golden path,  
The rule of Justice in his power hath.  
He signifies the Peace, and happy State  
Of Commonwealths, and Men subordinate.  
The Clergy, Church affairs, the publick good;  
And stays th'effusion (too) of Christian blood.  
The grand effects fomented by this Star,  
Are opposite to Dearth, Division, War.  
See how the Summer Goddesses appear  
When *Jupiters* made Ruler of the year.

*Mars ♂.*

The next superior Planet of the Seven  
Is but *Mars*, that fiery spark of Heaven!

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To whose command, and patronage a lot  
Contentions, Wars, Jars, Plunders, and what not?  
He signifies Disease that quickly kills,  
Engins of War, Fire-works, and Sun-burn'd Hills.  
Great heat and drought his influence lets fall,  
When o'er the year he raigns the Cardinal.

*Sol ☉.*

Majestick *Sol*, that full ey'd Lamp of Day,  
With Golden Locks, (each Lock a burnish'd Ray  
Of Earth refreshing comfort) drives his Car  
Diurnally about this terrene Star.  
This Planet signifies the Regal Line  
Of noble Blood; the grand and most sublime  
Of Mortals bearing rule, Men of renown,  
And such as sway the Scepter, and the Crown.  
Gold, Pearl, and precious Minerals (no few)  
Prefages of his influence do shew.  
The which (as Cordial Antidotes) destroy  
Distempers that the vital parts annoy;  
His Beams do to the Spring refreshment give,  
Causing each languished Vegetive to live.  
The seasons he divides, and makes the year,  
In transiting of the Celestial Sphere.

*Venus ♀.*

Illustrate *Venus*, Glory-shining Star!  
Fair *Phosphoros*, *Hesper*, and *Lucifer*!  
Mother of *Cupid*, Beauties character,  
Lady of the Celestial Charioter!

Assumes

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Assumes the rule o'er courtly Females carriages,  
Including both their Love-suits, and their Marriages.  
Nuptial delights, the youthful, fond desire  
Of those that scorch in the *Idalian* fire.  
She signifies such as in Silks do trade,  
Those, by whom, curious Ornaments are made  
Of Linnen, costly Silks, and (what insues)  
Such as do sweet perfumes and odors use :  
Her precious Herbs (bearing a fragrant flower)  
Do fortifie the Generative power.

*Mercury ♄.*

Tender ey'd *Hermes* (that creeps near the Sun,  
And from his presence dares not far to run)  
Denoteth the ingenious, and the wise  
That do in Arts and Science exercise.  
Such as are pregnant, ready to Invention,  
And of an easie facile Apprehension :  
He makes good Poets, and Mathematicians,  
Accomptants, Lawyers, Merchants, and Musicians :  
His Spicy Herbs do fortifie the Brain  
Against distempers that annoy the same.

*Luna ♀.*

*Luna* the Goddess of the silent night,  
*Phoebe*, *Diana*, various Flux of light,  
Denotes the chief of Females that possess  
Command, and rule o'er Household business ;  
And (in a larger sense) She doth relate  
The common people of the Publick State.

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She gives Professions, such as are contain'd  
In Water-works, whether by Sea or Land;  
Her Herbs (with cooling Juice) serve to repel,  
And tame distempers that with heat rebel.  
They lenifie, and cool inflamed parts,  
And mitigate astringent, cholerick smarts.

Long hath it been found by Experience,  
That th'Seven Planets have such Influence  
On Humane Bodies, sublunary things,  
Fixed, and moveable; yea, Nature brings  
No Creature forth, no Beast, Herb, Plant, or Flower,  
But what are subject to the Planets power.  
And he that holds this verity a fable,  
To hold that Argument he is not able.  
*For he that 'gainst Experience spins Falacions,  
Is to be bift from Learned Disputations.*  
His confidence is great that will deny  
A Truth that is apparent to the eye.  
Proud *Zoilus* then to carp is not the nearer,  
The more he carps, he makes his Vice the clearer.  
The Stars energy still must be confest,  
And that by verue of *Probatum est.*



# A Table of the KINGS of England.

The Year Month and Day (ac-  
counting the year to begin on the  
first of *January*) on which each  
King and Queen (since the Con-  
quest) began to Reign.

The number of Years and  
Months that each King  
and Queen Reigned, ac-  
counting Twenty eight  
Days to a Month.

Kings Names.	A.D.	Months	Y.	M.	Since	
<i>Wil. Conq.</i>	1066	<i>Octob. 14.</i>	29	11	590	
<i>Wil. Rufus.</i>	1087	<i>Septemb. 4.</i>	12	11	577	<i>Wil. Rufus.</i>
Henry I.	1100	<i>August 2.</i>	35	4	542	Henry I.
Stephen.	1135	<i>Decemb. 2.</i>	18	11	523	Stephen.
Henry II	1154	<i>Octob. 25.</i>	34	9	488	Henry II.
Richard I.	1189	<i>July 6.</i>	9	9	478	Richard I.
John.	1199	<i>April 6.</i>	17	7	461	John.
Henry III.	1216	<i>Octob. 19.</i>	56	4	405	Henry III.
Edward I	1272	<i>Nov. 16.</i>	34	8	370	Edward I.
Edward II.	1307	<i>July 7.</i>	19	7	351	Edward II.
Edward III.	1326	<i>Jan. 25.</i>	50	5	300	Edward III.
Richard II.	1377	<i>June 21.</i>	22	3	278	Richard II.
Henry IV.	1399	<i>Sept. 29.</i>	13	6	265	Henry IV.
Henry V.	1412	<i>March 30.</i>	9	5	255	Henry V.
Henry VI.	1422	<i>August 30.</i>	38	6	217	Henry VI.
Edward IV.	1460	<i>March 4.</i>	22	1	194	Edward IV.
Edward V.	1483	<i>April 9</i>	0	2	194	Edward V.
Richard III.	1483	<i>June 25.</i>	2	2	192	Richard III.
Henry VII.	1485	<i>August 22.</i>	23	8	168	Henry VII.
Henry VIII.	1509	<i>April 22.</i>	37	10	130	Henry VIII.
Edward VI.	1547	<i>Jan. 28.</i>	6	5	124	Edward VI.
Queen Mary.	1553	<i>July 6.</i>	5	4	119	Queen Mary.
Q. Elizabeth.	1558	<i>Nov. 17.</i>	44	4	74	Q. Elizabeth.
James.	1603	<i>March 24.</i>	22	0	51	James.
Charles I.	1625	<i>March 27.</i>	23	11	29	Charles I.
Charles II.	1649	<i>Jan. 30.</i>	Long live King Charles II.			

*The ignorant carpers at Astrology, answered in  
their own Language.*

**A**strology is so condemn'd by some  
That they'll believe no good that's thereby done,  
*Tush! what can Stars foretel? Or Men by Stars?  
Astrologers are full of idle cares!  
Their Star-shot fancies stupifie their brains!  
And in their heads deep melancholy raigns.  
Alas fond Men! we you commiserate!  
That purchase Folly at so dear a rate.  
But of Antagonists, another train,  
(More fierce than those white Bears, that do remain  
Under the frozen Zones) most spightfully,  
Do with Art Magick\*, brand Astrology.  
If they be sick, they'll not to Wise men go!  
(If not so wise, they must to Fools you know.)  
Their Means are dangerous to cure the sick,  
(If they for filthy lucre court Old Nick,  
And can't be otherwise when I:saiah one)  
Did see the Wise man musing all alone:  
Drawing out Lines and Circles with his Pen?  
The Lord of Heaven keep us all from them.  
I saw him (saith another) read a Book,  
Whercon no person, but himself might look;  
And one while taking of his eyes from thence,  
He look'd as if he made obedience.*

\* Though the word *Magick* signifie Wisemen, yet the Ignorant  
take it to signifie one that can raise a Spirit.

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To somewhat ! God knows what ! But yet, I doubt,  
In looking he did spy the Devil out.

For to himself, he afterward did Munjur,  
Judge ye my Friends, and if he did not Cunjur.

A fourth and fifth of this imprudent crew,  
Deny what Men by lawful means can do.

They'll make no tryal for that Wisemans sake,  
But new additions to the story make :

Which spreads abroad, afrighting all that hear it ;  
When those that tell it oft, for truth do swear it.

This makes the old Wife fall upon her knees,  
And fold her hands to hear such things as these,  
The pious zealot sighs ! and smites his brest !

Afraid to hear the news, or tell the rest. (lows,

The Dog-Star-Carper strains his wide mouth'd bel-  
With blowing all such Wizards to the Gallows.

But cease ye blustering Wits ; why rage you so ?

Let not your Galls like *Nilus* overflow ;

Left for your refractory disrespect,

Impartial *Jove*, your Folly do correct.

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*Of the Spring Quarter.*

**T**He Spring Quarter begins *March* the ninth day,  
twenty six minutes past nine in the afternoon ;  
the Sun, that glorious Lamp of Heaven then enters  
*Aries* : At his presence the Trees bud, Herbs grow,  
and every living thing rejoyceth. At the Vernal In-  
gress, *Saturn* is in *Taurus*, near the Seven Stars, *Venus*

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and *Mercury* are in *Pisces* a moist sign : From which may be rationally predicted, that the Spring Quarter will be inclined to cold and wet weather, with blustering storms of Hail and Rain intermixed ; but I shall not tire your patience with a tedious discourse of this nature, having given you our experimental Pastoral Rules, (which if carefully observed) are not inferior to the writings of the best Astrologers ; but I must be silent, lest I should purchase the anger of Astrologers. The diseases of this Quarter are Fevers, Madnes, Sore Eyes, Itch, and such like.

Now *Hyems* Icy fractur'd skull,  
By beamy *Sol* is broke ;  
Which makes the Shepherd off to pull  
His weather beaten Cloak.  
The merry Lambs about do skip !  
The Lark begins to sing !  
And Vegetives ( which frost did nip )  
Revive afresh and spring.

*Of the Summer Quarter.*

The Summer Quarter begins *June* the tenth, twenty two minutes after midnight ; resplendent *Sol* then enters *Cancer* making our longest day and shortest night. As touching the weather it may probably be inclined to wet, with great Winds and Thunder intermixed.

Now burning *Phebus* in his hight,  
Makes longest day, and shortest night.

By

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By whose resplendent burnish'd rays!  
Dame *Ceres* head is crown'd with bays.  
And on Queen *Flora's* downy banks!  
The Shepherds sport themselves in ranks.

*Of the Autumn Quarter.*

The Autumn Quarter commenceth *September* the twelfth day, at four in the Afternoon; at that time bright *Phebus* enters *Libra*, producing thereby a second Equinoctial, co-equating the days with the nights, making a fit time to take Physick, to bleed, &c. As touching the weather, it is likely to prove stormy, with Rain, Hail, Snow, and good weather intermixed.

*Sol's* burning Car now runs its Southern race,  
At which fair *Flora's* beauty fades apacc.  
Ye Husbandmen, that now lay up your store,  
Give some relief to th'indigent and poor.  
And well ye may; since what is freely giv'n  
To th'poor on Earth, shall be repay'd in Heaven.

*Of the Winter Quarter.*

The Winter Quarter begins *December* the eleventh day, thirty seven minutes past three in the morning, bright *Titan* then enters *Capricorn*, making our shortest day and longest night. This is accounted the coldest

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coldest time in all the year. Phlegm is now most predominant, and old phlegmatick persons most distempered, and the cholerick most in health. As touching the weather, it may probably be inclined to storms of Wind and Rain, with Snow and Frost intermixed.

Now *Boreas* blows,  
With Frosts and Snows.  
Dame *Tellus* is oppress'd ;  
Trees from their tops,  
With frozen drops,  
Stand sapless and undrest.  
Now it is good  
To feed on food,  
And diets that are hot :  
As it is meet  
Good fires to keep,  
Adorn'd with Spit and Pot.

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*Prefages by the Rising and Setting of the Sun.*

**W**hen th'skie looks red (before th'Sun rise) (you'll find)  
That day produce some Rain, or else some Wind ;  
But if be cloudy, and th' Clouds vanish (when  
The Sun ascends) expect fair weather then  
And if set red, it signifies that we  
The day ensuing shall fair weather see :

If



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If of a misty cloudy die, you'll gain (rain.  
From hence this judgment, That th'next day 'twill

*Prognosticks by the Moon.*

If clear and light her colour to you be,  
Not compassed with mists, that ye can see,  
We'll have fair weather; but on th'other hand  
When she looks dim and misty, and a band  
Or circle like a wheel shews round her light,  
Expect some Rain or Snow before next night.  
If round the Moon you see a glorious show,  
(Or circle strangely colour'd like the Rainbow)  
Mark that same night ye do the *Halo* see,  
And three days after stormy winds will be.

*By the Stars.*

When th'Stars more bright and blazing do appear,  
Then commonly (in Summer time) we fear  
Great Winds and wet this symptom signifies  
E'er long t'insue: And Shepherds that be wise  
Will take their Cloak (but not Cloak a Knave!)  
But from the Winds and Rain; their backs to save.  
But if the Stars (in Winter time) do blaze,  
And seem to twinkle, when at them you gaze;  
And th'wind blow North or East, it doth foreshew  
Great Frosts at hand, which shortly will insue.  
But when they seem to shoot or fall, you may  
Suppose great Winds and Rain to have next day:  
And ift fall three days later, do not thence  
Conclude 'tis false by your blind consequence;

For

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For from the Stars, it is that we do find,  
When't will be fair, when Rain, Frost, Snow, or Wind.

*By the Clouds.*

If th'Clouds in shape be round, like dapple gray,  
And th'Winds blow North or East, 'tis like next day,  
And sometimes two or three days after's fair,  
Hence commonly insues a serene air :  
But if the Clouds appear like Rocks and Towers,  
Next day or two, 'tis like t'be Rain or Showers.  
When they seem small and wax large in two hours.  
Ye may then look for great and soaking showers.  
When they seem large, and do decrease, we gather  
From hence forthwith, that we shall have fair weather.

*By the Mists.*

If Mists from Ponds, and Rivers do arise,  
And vanish there away, it signifies  
It will be fair ; but if they mount a main  
To th'tops of th'Hills, you may expect some Rain.  
If a thick Mist (before the Sun doth rise)  
Do cloath the Hills and Dales, it signifies  
(If th'Moon be near opposing of the Sun)  
We'll have fair Air, ift be not yet begun :  
But when such Mists arise, and th'Moon be new,  
When she is old, some Rain it doth foreshew.

*By the Rainbow.*

If after a long drought you see th'Rainbow,  
It shews some Rain at hand, but farther know,

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If after a long time of wet you see,  
The Bow appear to view, it fair will be ;  
But if exceeding large it seem to th'view  
Much Rain's at hand ; if red, Wind doth insue ;  
If in the morning it be seen, from hence  
Small Rains insue ; soon fair the consequence ;  
If you see two appear together, then  
For th'present 'twill be fair ; but it is ten  
To one, that two days after you will see  
Some Rain insue, (perhaps it may stay three.)

*By the Winds.*

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When th'Wind to th'North-East turns, and standeth  
Two days, and in that time no Rain appear,  
Not turning South, and we have three days dry,  
'Twill blow eight days from the North-East (think I)  
And if it then come to the South again,  
Next eight or nine days will produce no Rain :  
But if it turn from South to the North-East,  
And Rain when't turns, and there two fair days rest,  
And turn not South, nor Rain till third days o'er,  
Its like to stand North-East two Moneths or more.  
The Wind will finish all these turns in three  
Weeks time, towards the North or Northerly. (more,  
When th'Wind hath been i'th'North, two Moneths or  
And comes to th'South, there's three fair days or four,  
And then comes Rain, else from the North it blows,  
But still 'tis dry (as observation shows.)  
But if in two days it turn South and fair,  
And then turn North (with Rain) you'll have your  
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Of turns and returns, and from hence may guess,  
That three Moneths 'twill blow South or else South-  
As for the East Wind I shall little say, (West.  
Only great droughts come when the Winds that way.  
But mostly Rain comes from the South, or when  
Winds turn from West to South (the Rain falls then.)  
If th'Wind come from the South with a long Rain,  
(And as't stands there, prove one week fair again)  
'Tis somewhat rare ! Yet we may judge hence  
Great droughts at hand, by a due consequence. (we  
When th'Wind turns from the North to South, then  
Have gentle air, and seldom Rain do see.  
And on th'contrary, 'twill both blow and rain,  
When it turns from the South to th'North again.  
But potent Winds (which us much mischief do)  
Turn from the South to West, and to th'North go.  
But these strongs Winds (blow for the most part fair)  
Drive away Rain, and sweetly clear the air.

*Probable signs of Thunder in Summer.*

When th'Wind hath been three days i'th' South, and  
The time grows sultry hot ; and also when (then  
Clouds with white tops arise with Towers, so  
As if one on anothers back did go ;  
And joyn'd with black toward the neather side,  
This is a sign, in which you may confide,  
That Rain and Thunder will insue anon ;  
And bids the Shepherd put his great Coat on.  
If two such Clouds as these, by you be spide  
One t'rise on this, and one on th'other side.

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It warns the burnshin'd Herdsman to be gone,  
But the good Shepherd stops with's Cloak hang on,  
Stands to his Sheep (though's little Dog run home!)  
Yet he will stay, until his time be come:  
For though a Wolf appear, yet he will stay  
To Tent his Lambs, and scorns to run away.  
For he that runs, a hireling is (at best)  
What sort of Shepherds e'er 'twas he profess.  
Sceft thou a Cloud arise against the wind,  
Or on one side, when't comes o'er thee (thou'lt find)  
'Twill blow from that way where the Cloud did rise  
With a strong Wind; and thus the reason lies,  
Because that Wind which this new Cloud so drove  
Must needs transcend the weaker (though it strove)  
As much as't could (although it lost the field)  
As many Men with this World do (must yield.)  
When all the skie is thick, so that you find  
A little place to clear against the wind,  
Until it come over your head; you may  
From hence conclude, the Wind will blow that way  
From whence the clearing did at first appear,  
Though 'gainst the Wind, or which way 'twas so e'er.  
If th'Wind be North, and a clear Air you find,  
And Southern Clouds arise against the wind;  
You may conclude just so, when Clouds arise (skies,  
(Though 'gainst the Wind) from other parts of th'  
Ye may suppose the self-same thing from hence,]  
That Southern Wind will be the consequence.

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## *An ACROSTICK to the Author.*

**I**n this renew'd compendium of Art  
**A**ll Shepherds may rejoyce in *John's* desert !  
**M**ark how he values, renders your Protection :  
**E**ffecting this New Guide for your Direction :  
**S**ubscribe ye thank, and praise for his Affection,

**W**ho so would by the Skies discern the weather,  
**R**ead o'er his Rules in Verse, and tell me whe/her  
**I**f he for that communicative skill,  
**G**ratefully merit not your right good will ?  
**H**ave ye (with kind Inspection) read his Book,  
**T**hen shewly for more ample kindness look.

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## *To the Author on his Calendarium Pastoris.*

**L**ive long ingenuous *Bucknel*, and out-shine  
The thick Scul'd Paper-blurrers of the time,  
And as wise *Jove* amongst the angry Stars,  
Do thou come in to reconcile their Jars.  
For, he that would find secrets in the Skie,  
**M**ay by thy Book, be made more learn'd and wise :  
Some Artists shake their Heads (methinks) to see,  
What cause they have to blush to taught by thee :  
And many Scholars (too) could wish their Books  
Were Metamorphiz'd in to Shepherds Hooks ;  
That they, like thee, from seeing Lambs make sport,  
May be admitted in *Urania's* Court.  
Let such vouchsafe to bring a Laurel Bough,  
For to adorn thy most ingenious Brow ;  
Within whose Brest *Apollo* seems to shine,  
Attended on by all the Muses nine.  
Well done my Friend, let Artists take thy part,  
Since thou hast added Glory to thy Art.  
Go on, let *Momus* snarl, when he hath done,  
He cannot bite thee more, then Dogs the Moon.  
But, give me leave here to conclude, and say,  
Well fare those Quills who court *Urania*.

*John Wright,*

A sincere admirer of your  
Celestial Art.

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